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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MASS PFOR SN
SUBJECT: STATUS OF DIRECTED PROCUREMENT FOR LOCKHEED

1. VICE PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT SERVICES COMPANY, R.L. VADER, CURRENTLY VISITING LOCKHEED SINGAPORE, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR JANUARY 10 TO DISCUSS DIRECTED PROCUREMENT. HE SAID THAT HEAVNER, EA, HAD INFORMED JENSEN OF LOCKHEED HOME OFFICE IN NEW YORK THAT IT DID NOT LOOK AS IF DIRECTED PROCUREMENT WOULD BE APPROVED FOR FY 1975 AND INDICATED DEPARTMENT PREPARING NECESSARY PAPERS TO RESOLVE ISSUE AT HIGHER LEVEL.
2. VADER SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO JENSEN, MINISTER OF DEFENSE GOH HAD WRITTEN LETTER TO AMBASSADOR MONTEIRO TAKING POSITION THAT GOS FELT QUESTION OF CONTINUATION OF DIRECTED PROCUREMENT FOR LOCKHEED WAS UP TO USG. THEY HAD NOT, HOWEVER, SEEN GOH LETTER AND INFORMATION AS TO ITS CONTENTS WAS SECOND HAND. VADER SUGGESTED THAT GOS WOULD VIEW DISCONTINUATION OF DIRECTED PROCUREMENT AS LACK OF USG SUPPORT AND URGED AMBASSADOR TO MAKE POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION ON POLITICAL/STRATEGIC GROUNDS.

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3. AMBASSADOR OBSERVED THAT DEPARTMENT AND CINCPAC

WERE IN BETTER POSITION TO DETERMINE STRATEGIC ASPECT OF ISSUE. RE POLITICAL ELEMENT, AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD SOUNDED OUT DEFENSE MINISTER GOH AFTER DEPARTMENT HAD APPROACHED AMBASSADOR MONTEIRO TO DETERMINE WHETHER GOS HAD ANY POSITION RE POSSIBLE CESSATION OF DIRECTED PROCUREMENT. WE HAD RECEIVED CLEAR RESPONSE THAT GOS PREFERRED TO HAVE INDUSTRIES IN SINGAPORE THAT WERE COMPETITIVE AND THAT QUESTION OF DIRECTED PROCUREMENT WAS UP TO USG. WE INFORMED VADER THAT WE HAD NOT DETECTED ANY POLITICAL SENSITIVITY TO POSSIBLE TERMINATION OF US SUPPORT FOR LOCKHEED AND THAT EMBASSY HAD SO ADVISED DEPARTMENT. WE SAID THIS CONTINUES TO BE EMBASSY'S JUDGEMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST CURRENT STATUS DIRECTED PROCUREMENT ISSUE.
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